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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - July 28, 2004

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced the sentencing in San Diego today of Vincent Clementi on multiple charges of bank burglary. The Honorable Larry A. Burns, United States District Court Judge, sentenced Clementi to serve forty-six months in custody and ordered Clementi to pay restitution in the amount of \$328,195.87 to the victim banks that were burglarized. On April 15, 2004, Clementi pled guilty to nine counts of bank burglary.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Linda Frakes, who is prosecuting the case, Clementi admitted, in connection with his plea, that he broke into the night deposit boxes, under cover of darkness, by using various tools to forcibly pull the night deposit boxes from the exterior walls of the banks. At the sentencing hearing, Clementi informed Judge Burns that he committed the burglaries because he has a serious gambling problem.

The investigation into this series of burglaries, entitled "Operation Night Owl," was conducted by the San Diego Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DEFENDANT

Vincent Clementi

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

COUNT 1	Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 5 years' imprisonment; fine of \$250,000
COUNTS 2-9	Bank Burglary, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(b) and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 10 years' imprisonment; fine of \$250,000

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